



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Docket No. 402320)

In re the Patent of:)
Lemay et al.)
U.S. Patent No. 6,802,778) **Customer No. 27717**
Serial No. 09/659,955)
Filing Date: September 12, 2000)
For: Gaming Apparatus and Method with)
Operator-Configurable Paytables)
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Correction

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.322

Dear Sir:

It is hereby requested that the Director issue a certificate of correction with respect to the above identified patent, for a mistake incurred through the fault of the PTO. The mistake occurs in the patent, claim 1, in column 10, line 35. The word "if" is missing before the words "said game operator."

Attached to this request as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the amendment forwarded to the PTO on May 6, 2004. Claim 34, which is presented on page 2 of the amendment, became claim 1 of the patent after it was modified by an Examiner's Amendment. A copy of the Examiner's Amendment is attached as Exhibit 2. Unfortunately, the Examiner's Amendment contained a typographical error (on page 3) in which the word "if" was not presented before the words "said game operator" and this error was not noticed until recently. The earlier listing of claim 34 with the word "if" and obvious

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proper grammatical usage requires that the term "if" be located before the words "same game operator." Therefore, the Certificate of Correction should issue to reflect this mistake by the PTO.

Respectfully submitted,
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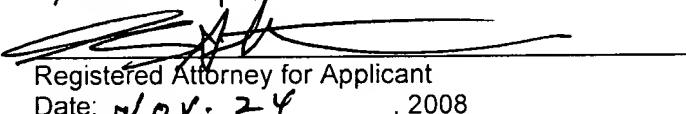


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PATENT NO. : 6802778

APPLICATION NO.: 09/659955

ISSUE DATE: : October 12, 2004

INVENTOR(S) : Lemay et al.

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 10, line 35 insert "if" before "said game operator".

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In re the Application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/659,955) Art Unit: 3713
Filed: September 12, 2000) Examiner: Brockett, Julie
For: GAMING APPARATUS AND)
METHOD WITH OPERATOR)
CONFIGURABLE PAYTABLES)

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 6, 2004, please amend the following:

The Listing of Claims begins on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 4.

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EXHIBIT 1

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-33. (Cancelled)

34. (New) A method for configuring a payable for a gaming terminal, the gaming terminal having a processor which controls game play of said gaming terminal, said processor coupled to a memory, a display device, and at least one input device, comprising:

receiving identification from a gaming operator;

comparing said identification information with authorized identities to verify that said gaming operator is authorized to access paytables of said gaming terminal;

displaying, on said display device, a setup routine including paytables which are available;

enabling said gaming operator, using said input device, to either select one of said available paytables without modification, or to modify the payable thereby creating a new payable;

the displayed available paytables having advance government approval;

if said gaming operator selects one of the displayed available paytables, then using said selected payable and exiting said setup routine;

if said game operator chooses to modify a payable, then displaying on said display device, information for enabling the operator to modify said payable;

thereafter electronically transmitting information from said gaming terminal resulting from said operator selection for government regulatory approval;

thereafter electronically receiving at said gaming terminal a message if the results fail to obtain government regulatory approval; and

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storing said modified paytable in said memory and enabling play with said modified paytable only if government approval is obtained.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, in which said gaming operator modifies the paytable thereby creating a new paytable by changing the magnitude of a monetary prize, in the absence of an ability of said gaming operator to define or change a prize win frequency.

36. (New) The method of claim 34 in which, when the gaming operator chooses to modify the paytable, the gaming terminal outputs at least one suggested modification of said paytable when the modified paytable fails to obtain said government regulatory approval.

37. (New) The method of claim 34 in which said paytable is modified thereby creating a new paytable by a change in overall payback percentage.

38. (New) The method of claim 34 in which the step of modifying the paytable thereby creating a new paytable includes the step of calculating all possible game outcomes of said new paytable and any prizes associated with each possible game outcome.

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REMARKS

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of January 6, 2004 has been filed with the Request for Continued Examination, so that the due date for response is May 6, 2004.

The following is a written summary of the interview of 27 April 2004 with Examiner Brockett and George Gerstman, attorney for applicants. As stated by the examiner, the proposed claim 34 was discussed and amended, and examiner Brockett concluded that claim 34, as it stands, overcomes the prior art in that the gaming machine electronically transmits information for government regulatory approval, and that the gaming machine receives a message if the results fail to obtain government regulatory approval.

It is believed that the examiner agrees that claim 34 is supported by the disclosure of this application. Also, new dependent claims 35, 36, 37 and 38 are respectively supported by cancelled claims 3, 6, 27, and 30, as well as other disclosure in the application.

In view of the examiner's acknowledgment of patentability of claim 34 over the cited prior art, it is believed to be unnecessary to discuss the specific details of the Office Action of January 6, 2004, since all claims rejected therein have been cancelled.

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In view of the above, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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GAMING App. + METH. w/OPERATOR
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Sir:

Please receipt-stamp and mail this card to acknowledge the Patent and Trademark Office's receipt of the following attached documents:

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Amendment

Respectfully submitted,

Applicant's Attorney

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with George Gerstman on July 2, 2004 and on July 6, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 34: A method for configuring a paytable for a gaming terminal, the gaming terminal having a processor which controls game play of said gaming terminal, said processor coupled to a memory, a display device, and at least one input device, comprising:

receiving identification information from a gaming operator;

comparing said identification information with authorized identities to verify that said gaming operator is authorized to access paytables of said gaming terminal;

displaying, on said display device, a setup routine including paytables which are available;

enabling said gaming operator, using said input device, to either select one of said available paytables without modification, or to modify the paytable thereby creating a new paytable;

the displayed available paytables having advance government approval;

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said game operator chooses to modify a paytable, then displaying on said display device, information for enabling the operator to modify said paytable; thereafter electronically transmitting information relating to said modified paytable from said gaming terminal resulting from said operator selection for government regulatory approval;

thereafter electronically receiving at said gaming terminal a message if said modified paytable fails to obtain government regulatory approval; and

storing said modified paytable in said memory and enabling play with said modified paytable only if government approval is obtained.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 34-38 are allowed over the prior art of record. They have been renumbered as claims 1-5.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach of gaming operators modifying paytables on gaming machines and gaining regulatory approval for paytables. The prior art teaches of gaining regulatory approval prior to modifying paytables in gaming machines. However, the prior art lacks in teaching transmitting information relating to the paytable for government approval directly from the gaming terminal and receiving a message at the gaming terminal if the information relating to the paytable fails to obtain regulatory approval.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Amendment

It has been noted that claims 1-33 have been cancelled. New claims 34-38 have been added.

Conclusion

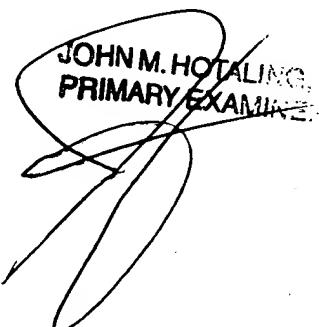
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julie K Brockett whose telephone number is 703-308-7306. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30-5:00.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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